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Propositions

Accompanying the dissertation

**Distributional Impacts of Public Policies: Essays in Ex-Ante and Ex-Post
Evaluation**

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1. There is a rising interest in policy analysis - both ex-ante and ex-post. It is among others motivated by ever increasing pressures on the national budgets and made possible by better data and computational capacities.
2. Optimal policy design is about distributional considerations in addition to efficiency and effectiveness.
3. Employment characteristics - both individual and contextual - are an influential determinant of healthcare use.
4. Complementing the existing conceptual frameworks of healthcare use with the theory of social risk management allows a more comprehensive accounting of institutional determinants.
5. In empirical studies, omission of nationality as a healthcare use determinant leads to an overestimation of the role of income parameters and an under-estimation of non-monetary employment influences – with the ensuing policy implications.
6. National tax-benefit microsimulation models allow timely and comprehensive analysis of policy questions. They are a prerequisite for doing detailed distributional analyses of sometimes complex public policies.
7. Both the size and the overall design of family transfers are important for (child) poverty reduction.
8. The only Grand Duchy in existence today is Luxembourg. Among all the other contemporary independent republics, only Lithuania and Finland have ever been grand duchies too.
9. The closest I have come in fulfilling my mom's dream of me joining the medical profession: exploring which and how often people do visit a doctor.
10. "Of course, you can reach some conclusions using statistics, but if you do not have a vision as a person — if you are not a poet, or an artist — you cannot see much." (Joan Marler, "A Tribute to Marija Gimbutas," *Sojourn Magazine*, Volume 2, Issue 3, Summer 1998).